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| In re:           | Patent Application of<br>Bigorra Llosas, <i>et al.</i> | : Group Art Unit: 1615<br>:<br>:         |
| Appln. No.:      | 10/532,283   | : Examiner: Jeffrey T. Palenik<br>:<br>: |
| Filed:           | September 1, 2005                                      | : Confirmation No.: 8759<br>:<br>:       |
| For:             | CONCENTRATED SURFACE-ACTIVE<br>PREPARATIONS            | : Attorney Docket<br>No.: C2743 PCT/US   |
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**REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. §372 AND §121**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in reply to the Election/Restrictions Requirements dated December 31, 2007, in the above-identified Application. This Reply is being timely filed, and includes an authorization to charge any authorized and applicable fees related to this submission.

Elections and Remarks begin on page 2 of this Reply.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration by the Examiner of his election requirements and an early consideration of Applicants' invention on the merits.